

**Senate File 361 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 361  
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 184)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to railroad train length limits, and making  
2 penalties applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 327D.3, Code 2023, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 327D.3 Duty to furnish cars and transport freight — railroad  
4 train length limit.

5 1. Every railway corporation shall upon receiving  
6 reasonable notice, and within a reasonable time, furnish shall  
7 do all of the following:

8 a. Furnish suitable cars to ~~any and~~ all persons who may  
9 apply ~~therefor,~~ for use of such cars for the transportation of  
10 any ~~and all kinds of~~ freight, ~~and receive.~~

11 b. Receive and transport such freight with all reasonable  
12 dispatch, ~~and provide.~~

13 c. Provide and keep suitable facilities for the receiving  
14 and handling ~~thereof~~ of all freight at any depot on the line of  
15 its road.

16 2. A railway corporation shall not operate, or permit to be  
17 operated, any freight or work railroad train that exceeds eight  
18 thousand five hundred feet in length on any part of a railroad.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill limits the length of any freight or work railroad  
23 train operated or permitted to be operated by a railway  
24 corporation to 8,500 feet. Pursuant to Code section 327D.17, a  
25 violation of the bill results in a "schedule 4" penalty under  
26 Code section 327C.5, which is a fine of not less than \$500 nor  
27 more than \$5,000 per violation.

28 The bill makes organizational and conforming changes to Code  
29 section 327D.3.